

LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To receive IFTA credentials (license and decals), complete an IFTA license application form (MV:IFTA-1), and submit it to the MCS office. If any information is omitted from the license application, the application will be returned, thus delaying processing. Credentials will be issued provided all quarterly fuel tax returns have been filed, and all liabilities have been paid. Upon approval of the completed application, IFTA credentials will be mailed within thirty (30) days. Temporary permits may be requested while waiting for the credentials to be issued, however temporary permits are not available for renewal vehicles.

A carrier will not be issued IFTA credentials from Alabama if the carrier was previously licensed in another IFTA jurisdiction, and the license is under suspension or revocation.

POWER OF ATTORNEY FORMS

A Power of Attorney form must be completed annually if a licensee prefers a Reporting Service to fulfill its responsibility for filing tax returns, receiving confidential tax information, and paying liabilities. The filing of the Power of Attorney does not relieve the licensee of the legal obligation associated with the IFTA license. The licensee is ultimately responsible for the reporting and payment of taxes as well as acts of omissions of the Reporting Service. The application must be signed by the owner, all partners, a corporate officer listed in the corporate charter, or person holding power of attorney for the licensee. Applications will be returned for improper signatures.

GRACE PERIOD

The IFTA license year is January 1 through December 31. IFTA allows carriers a two-month grace period (January and February) to display the renewal IFTA decals on all qualified motor vehicles in the fleet.

Carriers renewing credentials may operate with the new IFTA decals and license one month (December) prior to the effective date shown on the credentials. However, those carriers are responsible for filing a fourth quarter tax return for the previous license year, including the last month of the fourth quarter. Carriers must have the current and new license available until the effective date of the new license.

ACCOUNT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

The account identification number is determined by using the prefix designated for Alabama (AL) followed by the licensee's nine (9) digit taxpayer identification number (TIN). The TIN should be the Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). All business entities should have a FEIN. If a FEIN is not available, a Social Security Number (SSN) of the individual, owner or company officer will be used. The licensee must notify the Alabama MCS office in writing regarding any changes to the licensee's TIN. The IFTA account identification number should be included in all correspondence submitted to the MCS Section.

IFTA LICENSE

A new IFTA license will be issued annually to each IFTA licensee. The license is valid for the calendar year January 1 through December 31. Licensees are to make legible photocopies of the original license and place one in each of the qualified motor vehicles. The original should be used to make additional copies when adding a qualified motor vehicle to the fleet during the license year. If a carrier is found operating a qualified motor vehicle without an IFTA license in the motor vehicle, the vehicle operator will be subject to a citation, and court fines.

IFTA DECALS

Two (2) decals will be issued for each qualified motor vehicle operated by the IFTA licensee. IFTA requires that one decal be placed on the exterior portion of the passenger's side of the power unit. The second decal must be placed on exterior portion of the driver's side of the power unit. A licensee may request extra decals for fleet additions by completing the Request for Additional IFTA Decals form (MV: IFTA-5). IFTA decals are not vehicle specific. Please ensure that the truck surface is clean, dry, and wax free before affixing the decals. Complete instructions for affixing decals are printed on the back of each decal set. Licensees who purchase IFTA decals in error may be entitled to a refund of the decal fee by submitting a completed Petition for Refund for fees erroneously paid for IFTA decals form (MV: IFTA-PDR).

LICENSE CANCELLATIONS

An IFTA license may be canceled at the request of the licensee provided all reporting requirements and tax liabilities to all member jurisdictions have been satisfied. A licensee should check the cancellation box on the final IFTA quarterly fuel use tax return in order to cancel a license. The licensee may also elect to submit a written request for cancellation. The licensee must return the original IFTA license and all IFTA decals to the Department. A final audit may be conducted by any member jurisdiction upon cancellation of an IFTA license.

ACCOUNT CHANGES

The MCS office must be notified of any changes to the IFTA account. Changes will not be accepted over the telephone. These changes include, but are not limited to: mailing address, telephone/fax number, contact person, and business location. It is the responsibility of each licensee to ensure that the account information is current and accurate.

If there is a change in the ownership of the business, the IFTA account in the former name must be closed, and a new application must be completed in the name of the new business. Upon approval of the new application, credentials will be issued.

LICENSE REVOCATION

An IFTA license may be revoked for any of the following reasons:

- Failure to file an IFTA quarterly fuel use tax return or provide additional information, upon request, related to the report filed;
- Failure to remit all taxes due all jurisdictions; or
- Failure to pay and/or protest an audit assessment within the established time period.

The Department will notify the licensee and all jurisdictions when a revocation has occurred or has been released. Interstate operation of a qualified motor vehicle, while revoked, may result in a citation, and court fines. The Department may reinstate an IFTA license once the licensee files all required returns and remits all outstanding liabilities due all jurisdictions.

QUARTERLY RETURNS

All licensees must file an IFTA quarterly fuel use tax return (IFTA-100 and IFTA-101) with the Department. The quarterly fuel use tax return indicates the tax or refund due each member jurisdiction. Only one payment is submitted to the Department for the net tax due. If a net refund is due to the licensee, upon request, the Department will issue a payment to the licensee. The IFTA Quarterly Fuel Tax Return may be filed electronically.

The IFTA quarterly fuel use tax return will be sent to all IFTA licensees at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date. Failure to receive the quarterly fuel use tax return does not relieve the licensee from reporting obligations. Instruction sheets (IFTA-101-I-MN) are provided with each quarterly fuel use tax return. The